

WATCHUNG RECREATION
COORDINATOR'S REPORT
NOVEMBER 5, 2014

1. ***Playground;*** The playground equipment installation is now complete although the area around the playground needs grooming and the ramp still needs to be installed. There were many obstacles during the process of the installation do to the weather but with the coordination of Tom Herits, Public Works and Greg Kamback the equipment contractor, the playground area was completed in time for the ribbon cutting ceremony at the Harvest Festival. The equipment was well received by the children as they were very excited to enter the area prior to the ribbon cutting. The ribbon cutting was a wonderful addition to the event as it was another element for the children to explore.
2. ***Harvest Festival;*** This year's festival was well attended as it was a beautiful day. The involvement of Public Works for the setup of the hay stack and the pumpkin patch as well as the tables and field preparations were necessary. The grounds were very wet prior to the event due to the heavy rain Wednesday into Thursday therefore hay was needed around those areas that had heavy traffic which helped tremendously in keeping the areas easier to navigate as the ground was saturated. The mechanical swing ride and climbing tree house were new additions this year as a different vender was used to change those elements of our festival. Also added was a face painter which was very well received by the children. Unfortunately the boy scouts were not available this year to put up the extension bridge but we did have the involvement of the girl scouts who ran the sand art table. Three students from the WHRHS Community Outreach program volunteered their time and helped with the setup, the treat table and the cotton candy machine. Carolyn Solon from the CERT team ran the popcorn machine serving more than a case of 12oz. packages. Joe Nappe from the Warren Blue Ridge Sportsmen deer program donated 15 lbs. of dough for Zeppoles that he and his team prepared at the event. They also donated two fishing poles for prizes. Charles Neiss and Mary Ann Weber helped out at the hotdog table, Steve Monetti helped with the setup, break down as well as picked up the ice and propane for the grill. M. Onuska donated Toys R Us gift cards that were used as prizes for contests held by the DJ. The event photographer was Lea Monetti who captured some really great photos of all the elements of the event including the ribbon cutting portion which can be viewed on our website. Also donated was hot apple cider from the PBA and paint for the pumpkins from the library who supervised that portion of the event. Thank you letters will be sent to all the volunteers and for those that made donations to the event.
3. ***Alternate Member;*** The recreation commission has a position available for an alternate member. Mary Ann Weber expressed her interest in the position and has agreed to attend the December meeting to meet the members. She was a tremendous help at our Harvest Festival and should be a welcomed addition to our commission.
4. ***Game Day;*** The ladies from the Mah Jonng group that play in the Seniors Room plan to start a game day on Friday afternoons from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. This program will be available to Watchung residents and be starting sometime in November. The date has not yet been determined.

5. ***Tennis Program;*** The fall tennis program was well attended registering a total of 22 residents. A field use profit for the department was \$220.00. A tennis program will run again in the spring.
6. ***Mobus Pavilion;*** The pavilion was power washed and painted prior to the Harvest Festival and repairs were made to the siding on the tennis court side that had missing boards. Two quotes have been received to replace the roof of the pavilion with the lowest bid being \$4900 from Penyak Roofing Company. I am waiting for an adjustment to the quote for the replacement of the cement floor as the Borough will receive the material for the job from Weldon. These repairs will need approval by the Building and Grounds committee and most likely be made early next year.